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WHAT WERE YOU DOING HERE?
SORRY FOR INTRUDING, ANASTASHA.
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TASHA.
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SHOULD I HAVE NOT ASKED?
IS THIS YOUR CAT, TASHA?
YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU TASHA?

THIS IS SNOW LEOPARD.
IT'S CUTE. MIND IF I PET IT?
SURE.
そうです SO YOU'RE SNOW LEOPARD, HUH? ったの
DO YOU LIKE ANIMALS?

I JUST GOT AN URGE TO PET IT.
IT'S SO CUTE AFTER ALL.
WHAT ABOUT ME?
HUH?
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AH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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MMM.
MMM.
Y-YOU WANT ME TO PET YOU?
YES.

IT'S GOTTEN RATHER DARK,
I'LL WHAT?
IF I DON'T GET BACK SOON, MERIA WILL...

DO YOU PREFER WOMEN LIKE DUCHESS ANASTASHA?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT-
YOU DON'T LIKE ME?
NO, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT...

T-THIS IS TURNING PRETTY BAD...
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LECT,
IF YOU WANT TO ADMIRE SOMEONE,
HOW ABOUT YOU DECIDE FIRST?
AAAH!

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MERIA...
LECT...
HUH?

HAS ME.
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I'LL RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT.
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
... YES...
ARE YOU SULKING?
MERIA,
THEN,

I'LL CARRY MY PRINCESS TO HER ROOM.
SORRY,
TASHA?
?
TASHA, WHERE IS MERIA'S ROOM?
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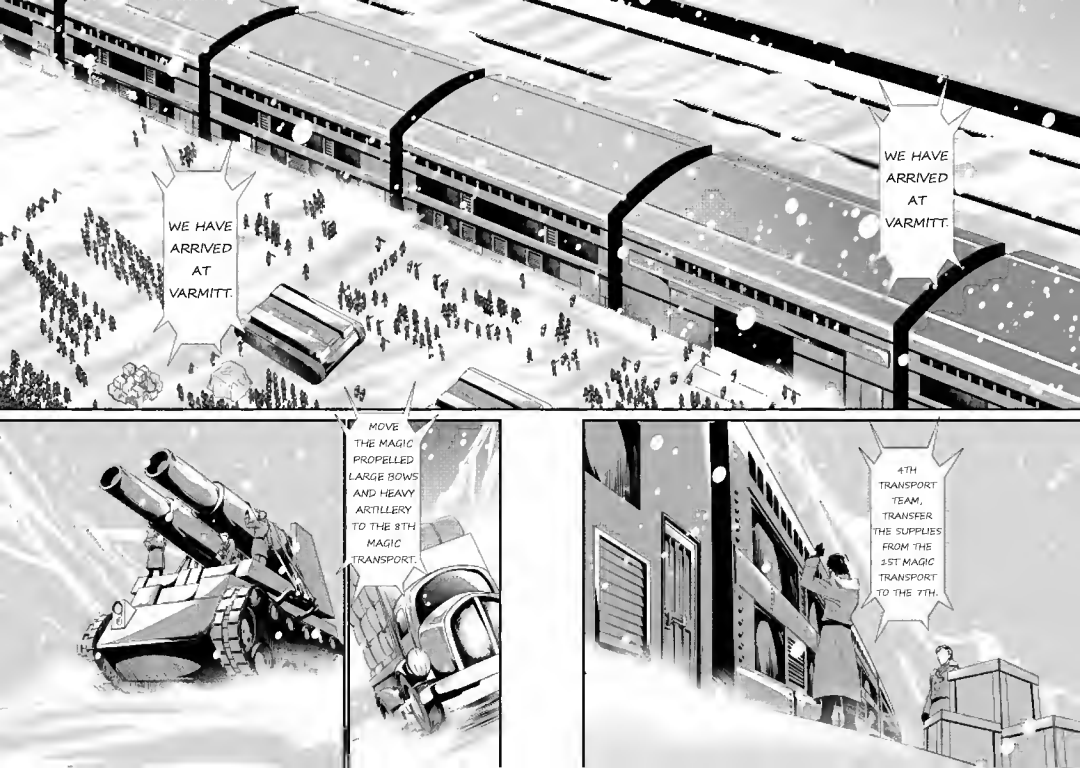
I FORGOT TO SAY. YOU'RE SHARING A ROOM.
NO, IT'S JUST
IS THAT A PROBLEM?
THIS WAS ANASTASHA'S WAY OF SHOWING HER CONSIDERATION, ALLOWING A COUPLE THAT FORMED A RIDER'S CONTRACT TO DEEPEN THEIR BONDS.
DUE TO THE DANGER IN VILIA'S GLARE, LECTIVAL CAREFULLY ASKED FOR A SEPARATE ROOM TO BE PREPARED FOR HIM.
GOOD NIGHT
GOOD NIGHT, TASHA

TAKE CARE.
THANK YOU, TASHA.
AND SO, THEY LEFT NIDHOGG.


WE HAVE ARRIVED AT VARMITT.
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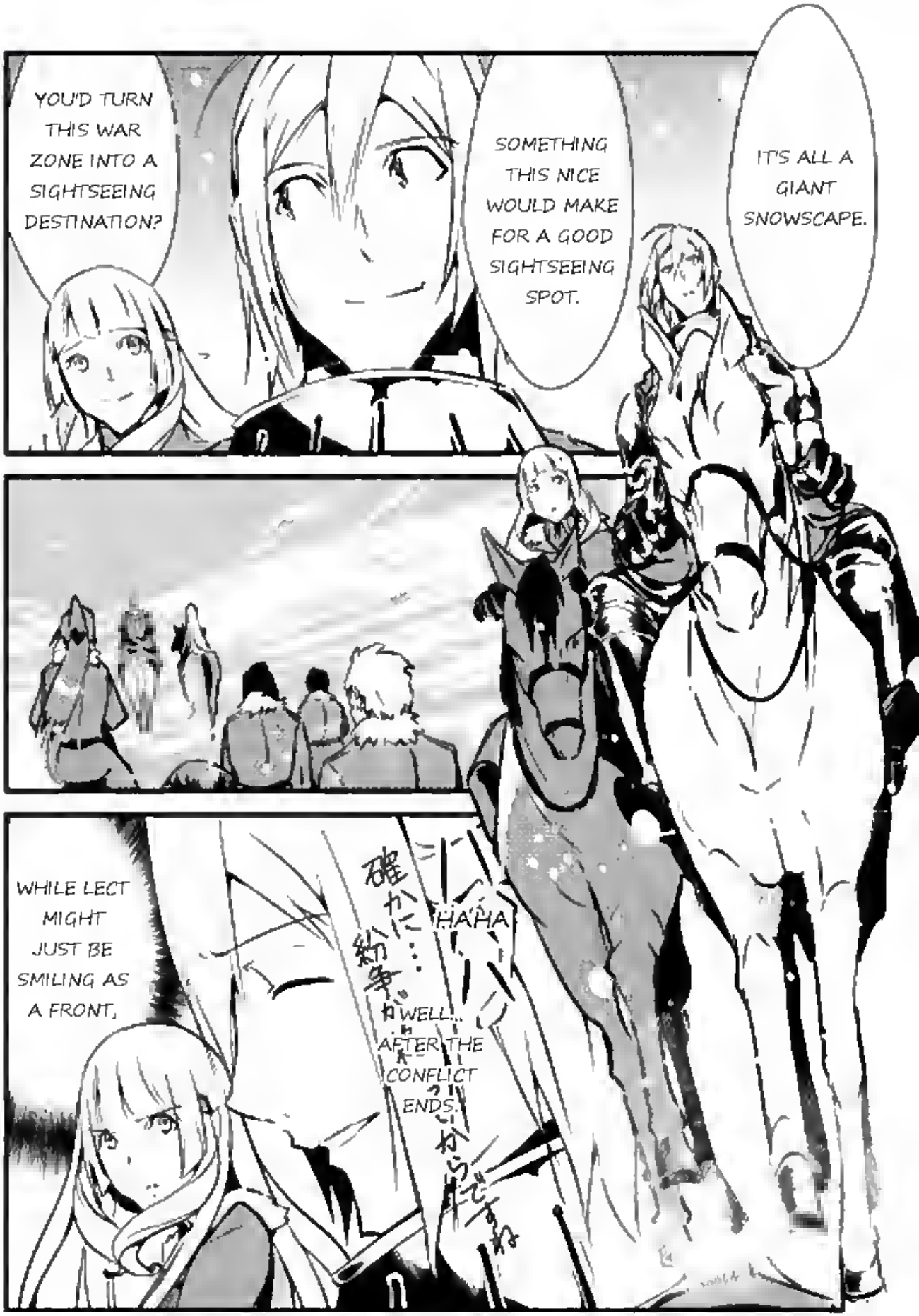
MOVE THE MAGIC PROPELLED LARGE BOWS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY TO THE 8TH MAGIC TRANSPORT.
4TH TRANSPORT TEAM, TRANSFER THE SUPPLIES FROM THE 1ST MAGIC TRANSPORT TO THE 7TH.

WHERE'S HIS HIGHNESS?
YOU CAN'T SEE HIM FROM HERE.
THE LINE EXTENDS FOR 5KM FROM HERE.
WOAH, IT'S ALL WHITE...


IT'S ALL A GIANT SNOWSCAPE.
SOMETHING THIS NICE WOULD MAKE FOR A GOOD SIGHTSEEING SPOT.
YOU'D TURN THIS WAR ZONE INTO A SIGHTSEEING DESTINATION?
HA'HA
WELL... AFTER THE CONFLICT ENDS.
WHILE LECT MIGHT JUST BE SMILING AS A FRONT,

THE SOLDIER BEHIND US ARE GROWING MORE NERVOUS AS WE HEAD FURTHER NORTH.

JUST HOW MANY OF THEM WILL RETURN ALIVE?

WHILE THIS CONFLICT MAY BE TOUGH,
MERIA,

THERE'S SOME YOUNG MEN WHO PROBABLY HAVEN'T SEEN WAR BEFORE...

WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE TO.
BOTH THEY AND I

PARATEON:FORTRESS
SALUTE HIS HIGHNESS, THE REGENT!
YOUR HIGHNESS.
AT EASE.
AT EASE!
THANK YOU.

I AM RIEDE ARDEN, CAPTAIN OF THE FORTRESS' DEFENSE ARMY.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, CAPTAIN RIEDE ARDEN.
WHERE IS THE COMMANDANT?

LIEUTENANT GENERAL GALAHA IS CURRENTLY COMMANDING THE DEFENSES AT THE FIRST CASTLE.
TAKE ME TO THE HEADQUARTERS THEN, CAPTAIN, I'LL AWAIT THE COMMANDANT THERE.
UNDERSTOOD, THIS WAY, PLEASE.

THE NEW "WHITE"
HAS FINALLY ARRIVED